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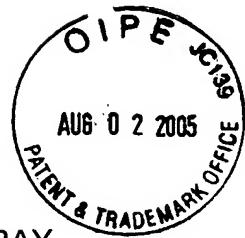
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Sir:

Further to the Completion of Record filed on June 30, 2005, to complete the record, Applicant notes the following documents which were cited in a German Office Action (an English translation which is submitted herewith) that issued in German Patent Application No. 103 39 399.4-51, which is a patent family member of the present application:

- (1) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 01-133014 A, which was published on May 25, 1989, together with an English language abstract of the same;
- (2) German Patent Publication No. DE 42 26 967 A1, which was published on February 18, 1993. Applicant notes that this document is a patent family member of U.S. Patent No. 5,268,794, which issued to CHAN on August 7, 1992;

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(3) German Patent Publication No. DE 2 346 398, which was published on March 21, 1974. Applicant notes that this document is a patent family member of U.S. Patent No. 4,012,124, which issued to TODA et al. on March 15, 1977;

4) U.S. Patent No. 6,064,533 to KENIN et al., which issued on May 16, 2000. Applicant notes that this patent was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement.

(5) U.S. Patent No. 6,115,190 to HIRAI, which issued on September 5, 2000. Applicant notes that this patent was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement;

(6) U.S. Patent No. 5,485,315 to NOMURA et al., which issued on January 16, 1996. Applicant notes that this patent was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement; and

(7) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/039241 A1, which was published on April 4, 2002.

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the German Examiner are set forth in the translation of the German Search Report.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents and U.S. publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

With respect to documents (1)-(3) and (7), it is believed that these references are cumulative to the references already of record. Nevertheless, solely to complete the

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record, a copy of documents (1)-(3) are attached hereto, and a PTO-1449 Form listing documents (1)-(3) and (7) is enclosed herewith for the Examiner's convenience.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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